

CS 103 Unit 10 Slides

C++ Classes

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Object-Oriented Programming

- Model the application/software as a set of objects that interact with each other
- Objects fuse data (i.e. variables) and functions (a.k.a methods) that operate on that data into one item (i.e. object)
 - Like structs but now with associated functions/methods
- Objects become the primary method of encapsulation and abstraction
 - Encapsulation
 - Hiding of data and implementation details (i.e. make software modular)
 - Only expose a well-defined interface to anyone wanting to use our object
 - Abstraction
 - How we decompose the problem and think about our design rather than the actual code



Objects

- Objects contain:
 - Data members
 - Data needed to model the object and track its state/operation (just like structs)
 - Methods/Functions
 - Code that operates on the object, modifies it, etc.
- Example: Deck of cards
 - Data members:
 - Array of 52 entries (one for each card) indicating their ordering
 - Top index
 - Methods/Functions
 - Deck.Shuffle(), Deck.Cut(), Deck.Deal()



C++ Classes

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- Steps:
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 - Write the methods
 - Instantiate/Declare object variables and use them by calling their methods
- Terminology:
 - Class = Definition/Blueprint of an object
 - Object = Instance of the class, actual allocation of memory, variable, etc.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespaces std;
class Deck {
 public:
   Deck();
            // Constructor
   int deal();
 private:
   int cards[52];
   int top index;
};
// member function implementation
Deck::Deck()
  for (int i=0; i < 52; i++)
    cards[i] = i;
int Deck::deal()
   return cards[top index++];
// Main application
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  Deck d;
  int hand[5];
  d.shuffle();
  d.cut();
  for (int i=0; i < 5; i++) {
    hand[i] = d.deal();
```



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class Deck {
  public:
    Deck();  // Constructor
    ~Deck();  // Destructor
    void shuffle();
    void cut();
    int deal();
    private:
    int cards[52];
    int top_index;
};
```

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   d.shuffle();
   d.cut();
   for(int i=0; i < 5; i++) {
      hand[i] = d.deal();
   }
}</pre>
```

deck.cpp

poker.cpp



Class Definition

- class name { ... };
- Each function or data member can be classified as public, private, or protected
 - These classifications support encapsulation by allowing data/method members to be inaccessible to code that is not a part of the class (i.e. only accessible from within a public class method)
 - Ensure that no other programmer writes code that uses or modifies your object in an unintended way
 - Private: Can call or access only by methods/functions that are part of that class
 - Public: Can call or access by any other code
 - Protected: More on this later
- Everything private by default so you must use "public:" to make things visible
- Make the interface public and the guts/inner-workings private

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#include "deck.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   Deck d;
   int hand[5];
   d.shuffle();
   d.cut();

   d.cards[0] = ACE; //won't compile
   d.top_index = 5; //won't compile
}
```

deck.h

deck.cpp

poker.cpp



Constructors / Destructors

- Constructor is a function of the same name as the class itself
 - It is called automatically when the object is created (either when declared or when allocated via 'new')
 - Use to initialize your object (data members) to desired initial state
 - Returns nothing
- Destructor is a function of the same name as class itself with a '~' in front
 - Called automatically when object goes out of scope (i.e. when it is deallocated by 'delete' or when scope completes)
 - Use to free/delete any memory allocated by the object
 - Returns nothing
 - [Note: Currently we do not have occasion to use destructors; we will see reasons later on in the course]

```
class Deck {
  public:
    Deck();  // Constructor
    ~Deck();  // Destructor
    ...
};
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"

Deck::Deck() {
   top_index = 0;
   for(int i=0; i < 52; i++) {
      cards[i] = i;
   }

Deck::~Deck() {
}</pre>
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  Deck d; // Deck() is called
    ...
  return 1;
  // ~Deck() is called since
  // function is done
}
```

deck.h

deck.cpp

poker.cpp



Writing Member Functions

- When writing member functions, the compiler somehow needs to know that the function is a member of a particular class and that the function has inherent access to data members (w/o declaring them). Thus we must 'scope' our functions
- Include the name of the class followed by
 '::' just before name of function
- This allows the compiler to check access to private/public variables
 - Without the scope operator [i.e. void shuffle() rather than void Deck::shuffle()] the compiler would think that the function is some outside function (not a member of Deck) and thus generate an error when it tried to access the data members (i.e. cards array and top_index).

```
class Deck {
  public:
    Deck();  // Constructor
    ~Deck();  // Destructor
    ...
};
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"
Deck::Deck() {
  top index = 0;
  for (int i=0; i < 52; i++) {
    cards[i] = i;
Deck::~Deck()
void Deck::shuffle()
  cut(); //calls cut() for this object
int Deck::deal()
  top index++;
  return cards[top index-1];
```



Calling Member Functions

d1

d2

- Member functions are called by preceding their name with the specific object that it should operate on
- d1.shuffle() indicates the code of shuffle() should be operating implicitly on d1's data member vs. d2 or any other Deck object

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    Deck d1, d2;
    int hand[5];

    d1.shuffle();
    // not Deck.shuffle() or
    // shuffle(d1), etc.

    for(int i=0; i < 5; i++) {
        hand[i] = d1.deal();
    }
}</pre>
```

d1

```
        cards[52]
        41
        27
        8
        39
        25
        4
        11
        17

        top_index
        1
```

Calling Member Functions

Within a member function we can just call other member functions directly.

d1's data will be modified (shuffled and cut)

d1 is implicitly passed to shuffle()

d1

```
cards[52]
                   39 25 4
                              11 17
top index
```

d2

```
cards[52]
                       3
                               5
                           4
                                   6
               1
top index
```

Since shuffle was implicitly working on d1's data, d1 is again implicitly passed to cut()

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  Deck d1, d2;
  int hand[5];
  d1.shuffle();
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"
void Deck::shuffle()
  cut(); // calls cut()
          // for this object
  for (i=0; i < 52; i++) {
    int r = rand() % (52-i);
    int temp = cards[r];
    cards[r] = cards[i];
    cards[i] = temp;
void Deck::cut()
  // swap 1<sup>st</sup> half of deck w/ 2<sup>nd</sup>
```

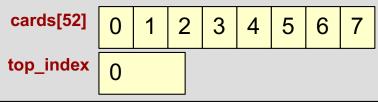
Exercises

• In-class Exercises

Class Pointers

- Can declare pointers to these new class types
- Use '->' operator to access member functions or data

d1



d2

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    Deck *d1;
    int hand[5];

    d1 = new Deck;

    d1->shuffle();
    for(int i=0; i < 5; i++) {
        hand[i] = d1->deal();
    }
}
```

d1

```
        cards[52]
        41
        27
        8
        39
        25
        4
        11
        17

        top_index
        5
```

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Multiple Constructors

 Can have multiple constructors with different argument lists

```
class Student {
public:
  Student(); // Constructor 1
   Student(string name, int id, double gpa);
                // Constructor 2
   ~Student(); // Destructor
  string get name();
  int get id();
  double get gpa();
  void set name(string name);
  void set id(int id);
  void set gpa(double gpa);
private:
  string name;
  int id;
  double gpa;
```

```
Student::Student()
{
    _name = "", _id = 0; _gpa = 2.0;
}
Student::Student(string name, int id, double gpa)
{
    _name = name; _id = id; _gpa = gpa;
}
```

Public / Private and Structs vs. Classes

- In C++ the only difference between structs and classes is structs default to public access, classes default to private access
- Thus, other code (non-member functions of the class) <u>cannot</u> access private class members directly

student.h

grades.cpp

```
#include<iostream>
#include "student.h"

int main()
{
   Student s1; string myname;
   cin >> myname;
   s1._name = myname; //compile error
   ...
}
```

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Accessor / Mutator Methods

- Define public "get" (accessor) and "set" (mutator) functions to let other code access desired private data members
- Use 'const' after argument list for accessor methods

```
#include<iostream>
#include "deck.h"

int main()
{
   Student s1; string myname;
   cin >> myname;
   s1.set_name(myname);
   string another_name;
   another_name = s1.get_name();
   ...
}
```

```
class Student {
public:
  Student(); // Constructor 1
   Student(string name, int id, double gpa);
                // Constructor 2
   ~Student(); // Destructor
  string get name() const;
  int get id() const;
  double get gpa() const;
  void set name(string s);
  void set id(int i);
  void set gpa(double g);
private:
  string name;
  int id;
  double gpa;
```

```
string Student::get_name()
{    return _name; }
int Student::get_id()
{    return _id; }
void Student::set_name(string s)
{    _name = s; }

void Student::set_gpa(double g)
{    _gpa = g; }
```